

TWENTY FAMILIES WERE IN PERIL. Thieves Started a Threatening Fire in a Sixty-first Street Tenement.

Looted a Restaurant and Feasted on Pie, Pigs' Feet and Sarsaparilla.

A SHARP-NOSED POLICEMAN'S FIND.

Smelled Kerosene on His Beat and Straightway Located the Fire—Fire Marshal Making an Investigation.

Twenty families of colored people, in all 112 persons, were placed in imminent danger at 530 yesterday morning, when thieves set fire to the seven-story brick tenement at No. 219 West Sixty-first street. Had it not been for the unusually acute olfactory sense of Policeman Lettichilds, of the West Sixty-first street squad, there would possibly have been considerable loss of life. Lettichilds was passing through West Sixty-first street just before day-light, when he smelled kerosene. It was so strong in front of No. 219 that his curiosity was aroused.

The front basement of the building, on the west side, is occupied by the Nickel restaurant, and the front basement east is now unoccupied. The basement doors leading to the hall, separating the two stories, were not locked, and when Lettichilds opened it he was driven back by thick black smoke. A pile of rubbish had been heaped in the hall next the door to the vacant store, saturated with kerosene, and ignited. The woodwork of the door frame and partition had been wet with the oil, but had not all caught fire.

KICKED OUT THE FIRE. Lettichilds put his handkerchief to his nose and mouth, ran in and kicked the blazing pile away from the partition. Then

CHESS PLAYERS AROUSED. They Question the "All-America" Phases of the Brooklyn Match—Games in the Tournaments.

The International chess match by cable between the British Chess Club and Brooklyn Chess Club players, which begins next week, is causing much discussion and comment in the leading clubs of the country on the Brooklyn Chess Club's assumption in terminating the match an "all-American" one.

President Bigelow, of the Manhattan Chess Club, was asked last night what interest his organization was taking in the cable match. He said: "I am not at all interested. I am not in the match, and I am not in the match."

"Certainly we are interested, but as individuals only, as we are in every chess event of importance. As an organization, we have no interest in the match, for although the Brooklyn Chess Club challenged in the name of 'all America' they never consulted our club or any other chess organization in the country that I am aware of in reference to the match or the interests."

"I therefore fall to see how it can be construed as a challenge for 'all America.' Nevertheless, I wish them every success and trust the match will meet their highest expectations."

The tournament in progress at the Manhattan Chess Club is still drawing large crowds of members and their friends to witness the playing. The following is the standing of the competitors up to last night:

Class	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
1st	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
2nd	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
3rd	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
4th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
5th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
6th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
7th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
8th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
9th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0
10th	W. L. Lasker	0	0	0

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING A Strong Endeavor Being Made by Local Athletes to Revive the Healthy Pastime.

A number of our leading long distance amateur runners, headed by E. C. Carter, the veteran cross-country champion, are making a vigorous effort to revive steeple-chasing and cross-country running. The sport has been allowed to lapse during the past few years, with the result that there is a growing dearth of long distance runners.

Several weeks ago a few cross-country enthusiasts formed themselves into a committee to revive the healthy pastime.

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MICHAEL'S GOLF TROPHY Philadelphia Captured the Cup at the Baltusrol Club Handicaps.

Toler Upheld the Home Players' Glory by Finishing in Second Place.

THE LINKS WERE HARD AND SLOW.

Dr. Rainsford Made a Good Showing, but Menzies, Who Best Expert Lander Was Hailed as a World Beater, Was Unplaced.

Interest was red-hot at the Baltusrol Golf Club yesterday in spite of the cold weather, for over forty amateurs started in the tournament, and thirty-one ended in complete scores. The clubs represented by the entries comprised everything from Tuxedo to St. Andrew's, in the local league of the United States Golf Association. The links were hard and lumpy and the putting greens were freshly strewn with sand and consequently slow.

Leading social lights from the Oranges, Morristown, Madison and Short Hills thronged the clubhouse, and the dining and luncheon rooms were crowded with gay parties of women and men. There was no chance to cheer one of their own club as the winner, however, which was the only drawback to the day's sport from the Baltusrol standpoint.

A striking incident of the scoring was that four of the scratch men, Rev. Dr. Rainsford, G. E. Armstrong, James A. Tyng and A. L. Livermore, each made rounds in 120 strokes. Dr. Rainsford represented the Morris County Golf Club, St. Andrews men. Only James Park, of the old club, finished below this trio, making the rounds in 119 strokes.

Finishing in the places closer to the winner before Park were three members of the Richmond County Country Club, E. W. Menzies, the young Scotchman who beat Jasper Lynch at Lakewood on New Year's Day and was then hailed as a world beater, was another who represented St. Andrews. He played from scratch, making the good score of 115, going out in 58 strokes. George Hunter, who made his first appearance since his European trip, finished in 116 strokes.

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GOOD THINGS IN THE MARKET. Articles That Can Now Be Procured and Their Prices.

Although the markets were closed at 10 o'clock yesterday, a large business was done in all departments. Game, although in light supply, was freely purchased. Woodcock sold for \$1.75/\$2 per pair; grouse, \$1.35 per pair, and partridge, \$1.50 per pair. English birds can be had for \$3.25 per dozen; red birds, \$1 per dozen, and quail, \$2.50/\$3 per dozen.

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FOR CONFEDERATE RELICS Jefferson Davis's "White House" at Richmond Formally Opened as a Southern Museum.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 22.—The Confederate Museum, in the Jefferson Davis mansion, was formally opened to-day. The services were very simple, consisting of prayer by Rev. Dr. Moses D. Hoge and an oration by General Bradley T. Johnson, who was introduced by the Governor.

The house was known in war times as the Confederate White House. It was built by Judge Brackenborough, and was in his day considered the most magnificent furnished mansion in the South. Jefferson Davis took possession of the house in the summer of 1861, and left it on the evacuation of Richmond, April 2, 1865.

During the Federal occupation of the city the house became the military headquarters. Until recently it has been used as a public school building.

The city of Richmond bought the house for \$48,000 and presented it to Jefferson Davis. It was then the gift of the city, but consented to make it his residence during his lifetime.

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